

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



3 9999 06307 852 9

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT



OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1898-1899.

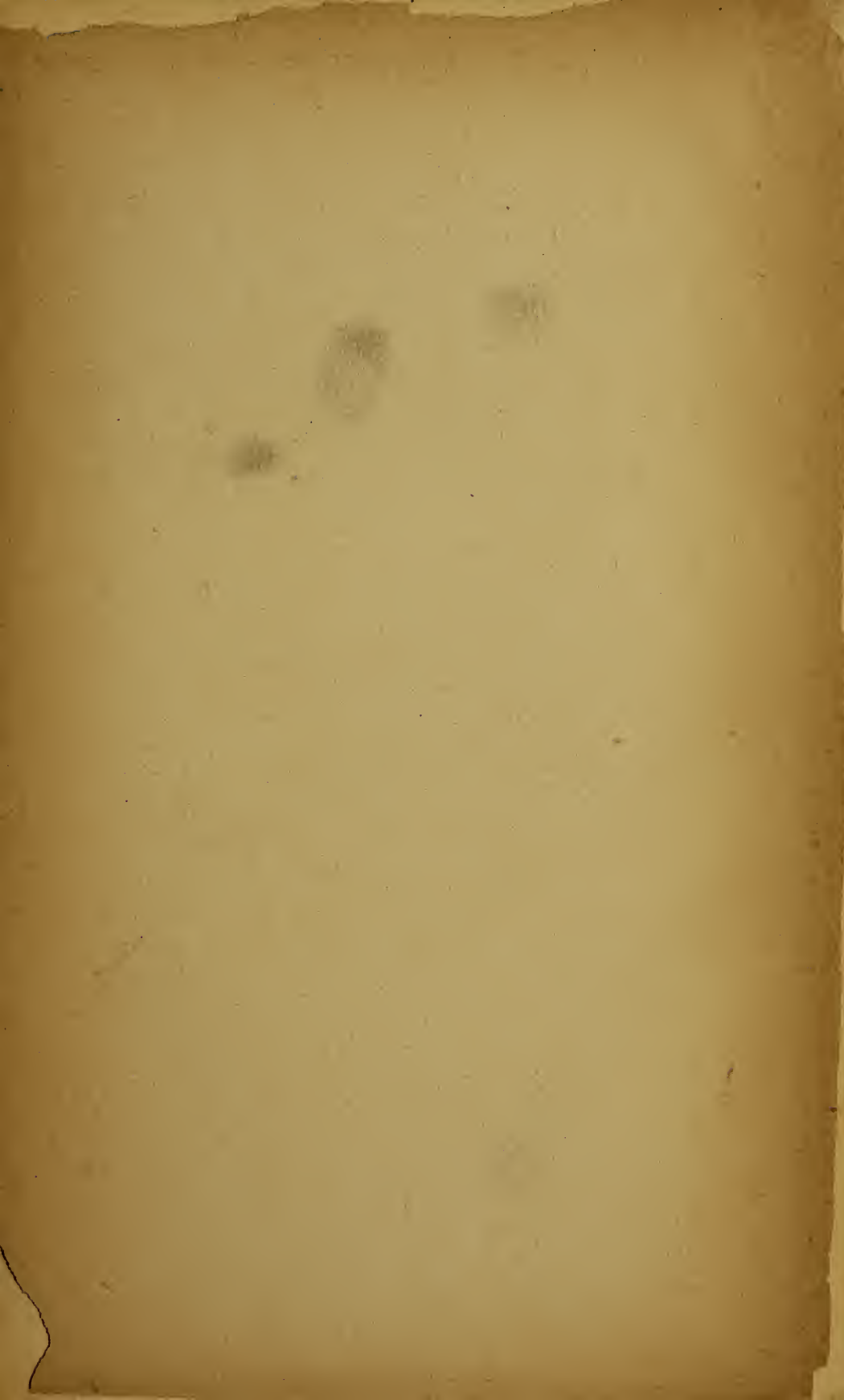
★
No 6354.66

1898/99.



GIVEN BY

AMER. STATISTICAL ASSOC.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON

FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 1898-99

x 635-4.66
1898/99



BOSTON
MUNICIPAL PRINTING OFFICE
1899

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT.

REC'D 3 May 29

(1)

sh. d.



VERMONT DEPARTMENT
MAY 29
RECEIVED

BOSTON, MASS., February 1, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor of the City of Boston :

SIR, — The Cemetery Department of the city of Boston respectfully submits its report of the affairs of this department for the fiscal year of 1898–99.

All burial-grounds owned by, and in charge of the city of Boston, passed into the control of the Cemetery Department by an Act of the Legislature, chapter 375, of the year 1897.

The Act of the Legislature establishing the Cemetery Department of the city of Boston is as follows :

SECTION 1. There shall be in the city of Boston a cemetery department, which shall be under the charge of a board of five trustees, appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen. Said trustees shall, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, be appointed, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years, each term beginning with the first day of May in said year; and annually thereafter the mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation as aforesaid, one trustee for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment. Chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and all acts relating to departments and officers of departments in the city of Boston shall, so far as applicable, apply to said department, and the officers and employees thereof.

SECT. 2. Said board shall have charge of Mount Hope Cemetery and of all other burial-grounds owned by or in charge of the city of Boston; shall set apart and appropriate a portion of said cemetery as a public burying-ground for the use of the inhabi-

tants of said city, free from any charge therefor; shall lay out said cemetery in suitable lots or other subdivisions for family or other burials, with necessary paths and avenues; shall plant and embellish the said cemetery with trees, shrubs, flowers and other rural ornaments; may enclose and divide the same with proper fences; may erect or annex thereto suitable edifices, appendages or conveniences; and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with statutes or ordinances, as they may deem advisable; and shall perform such other duties relative to such cemetery and said burial-grounds as the city council may from time to time prescribe. All acts and all ordinances of said city relating to Mount Hope Cemetery shall, so far as they are not inconsistent herewith, apply to said department and the officers in charge thereof.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The burial-grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are either owned by or in charge of the city of Boston are as follows:

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY.

Located in West Roxbury District, about five and one-half miles from the city proper. Additional land with dwelling-house and other buildings on Berry street, bought in 1878 for \$4,500, containing two acres, and two lots of land on Berry street, purchased in 1877 for \$856.59, containing 12,237 feet; making total contents 107 acres and 1,347 feet. House occupied by the superintendent of the cemetery is owned by the city.

CITY PROPER.

Copp's Hill, 88,800 square feet.

King's Chapel, Tremont street, 19,200 square feet.

Granary, Tremont street, 81,900 square feet.

Central, Common, 60,200 square feet.

South, Washington street, 75,000 square feet.

ROXBURY.

Eliot Ground, Eustis street, 30,082 square feet.

Warren Ground, Kearsarge avenue, 54,500 square feet.

SOUTH BOSTON.

Hawes, 16,800 square feet.

EAST BOSTON.

Bennington street, 157,500 square feet.

CHARLESTOWN.

Bunker Hill, Between Elm and Polk streets, 48,000 square feet.

Phipps street, 76,740 square feet.

DORCHESTER.

North, Upham's Corner, 135,036 square feet.

South, Dorchester Lower Mills, 87,120 square feet.

WEST ROXBURY.

Centre street, 39,450 square feet.

Walter street, 39,216 square feet.

BRIGHTON.

Evergreen, 602,230 square feet.

Market street, 18,000 square feet.

CITY TOMBS.

Twenty-five in the South Burial Ground; one in Phipps Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Burial-ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in the Copp's Hill Burial-ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Burial-ground; one for infants in the Chapel Burial-ground; one in the Central Burial-ground for infants; two receiving tombs at East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester, North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester, South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; and one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery.

MANAGEMENT OF DEPARTMENT.

The management of this department is vested in the members of the Commission, who are represented by a general superintendent having control over the employees and property of the department.

The general superintendent, Mr. James H. Morton, with headquarters at Mount Hope Cemetery, directs the general

work carried on in the cemeteries and burying-grounds, directs funerals therein, and keeps an accurate record of all interments pertaining to Mount Hope Cemetery, together with the location and transfer of bodies.

The general superintendent acts at all times under the direction of the Commission, and is responsible to it for his acts. In addition to an annual salary, the superintendent is provided with a house situated in the grounds at Mount Hope Cemetery, in which he is required to reside. The duties of this position are manifold, requiring a knowledge of the needs of all of the burial-grounds and cemeteries, together with personal attention to the varied and different kinds of work carried on in this department.

During the past year these matters have received thoughtful, prompt and careful attention from the superintendent; his records and statements have at all times been found accurate and proper, and his management of business affairs has been economical and painstaking.

The Board employs a secretary, with an office in City Hall, who is the executive officer of the Board, and, in accordance with the requirements of the Act of the Legislature, keeps the records of the Board, and has control of all documents, maps, papers and general information pertaining to the department. The secretary has charge of the finances of the department, and in accordance with the City Ordinances is under bond.

The present secretary is Mr. Albert E. Smith.

While the general superintendent has general charge over all the cemeteries and burial-grounds, it is necessary, however, in carrying on the work of the department, that the Commission should be represented by custodians in certain cemeteries which are either open for business, or for the purpose of allowing visitors to the same.

In addition to Mount Hope Cemetery, the general superintendent has complete charge of King's Chapel, the Granary, the Central, the Westerly and Walter street Burial-grounds.

The Bennington-street Cemetery is in charge of a working custodian, who has charge of the ground, and does the necessary work for the making of interments.

The custodian is Frank L. Turner.

The Charlestown cemeteries — Bunker Hill and Phipps street — are in charge of custodian, Mr. A. M. Lydston.

Evergreen Cemetery, in Brighton, is also under the charge of a custodian, Mr. Charles P. Harding, and one custodian, Mr. John J. Burnes, has charge of the North and South

Dorchester, Eustis street, Roxbury, South, Washington street, and Hawes, South Boston, Burial-grounds.

The department has an office in City Hall, where all business of the department is transacted.

As soon as the card catalogues are finished this office will have an accurate record of interments in all the cemeteries and burial-grounds, thereby making available to the public, information now acquired by it with considerable trouble.

During the past year the inscriptions and much historical information concerning the older cemeteries has been compiled, together with accurate plans, showing present location of all stones, markers and tombs.

For the first time in the history of Boston a schedule of these old monuments and stones has been made, enabling the department to locate and account for what it has in its possession.

This information now entered in books and on plans will be properly catalogued on separate cards, and ready for the examination of the public before the close of the present year. It has been an important and large task, and has taken several months to collect and verify the information.

Interments in and removals from all the cemeteries are matter of record, and subject to the orders and rules of the department.

SNOW AND ICE.

The department is obliged to remove the snow and ice from sidewalks abutting on the various cemeteries. An arrangement to do the same was made with Mr. John J. Burnes for the sum of \$500; Mr. Burnes to furnish all labor therefor, and said arrangement to continue from November 11, 1898, to November 1, 1899.

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY.

This cemetery is directly under the charge of the general superintendent, Mr. James H. Morton.

His report as to work done in the cemetery during the past year is as follows:—

February 20, 1899.

HON. J. ALBERT BRACKETT,

Chairman Trustees of the Cemetery Department :

SIR,—I submit the following report of work done under my supervision in the department for the year ending February 1, 1899.

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY.

In addition to the labor required to keep the lots and cemetery grounds in a satisfactory condition the following work was done.

- 20,400 sq. ft. of land prepared for burial purposes.
- 31,240 sq. ft. of land graded and seeded.
- 12,580 sq. ft. of sodding done.
- 560 linear ft. of avenues constructed.
- 2,510 linear ft. of avenues repaired.
- 640 linear ft. of walks made — 2,750 ft. repaired.
- 920 sq. ft. of paving done.
- 800 cubic yards of stone quarried.
- 612 ft. of drain laid, 12 catch-basins built.
- 139 foundations laid, sizes from five cubic ft. to 357 cubic ft.
- 210,000 plants raised and planted.
- 1,508 deciduous trees and shrubs planted.
- 683 evergreens planted.
- About 25 tons of hay cut and stored.
- 137 monuments and tablets erected.

The interments in the cemetery for the past year were as follows :

In lots and private graves	546
In Section C	450
In Section D	670
Deposited in receiving tomb	45
Total	<u>1,711</u>

Seventeen lots were sold.

Fifteen lots were placed in perpetual care that were originally sold without.

There are 120 lots ready for sale, ranging in price from \$165 to \$600, according to size and location.

After the present season, the planting of lots in Perpetual Care with flowers and shrubs is to be discontinued. Lot-holders who so desire the planting of flowers, etc., are to place an order with the department, and a charge is to be made for the doing of same. A notice will be sent to all lot-holders having lots in Perpetual Care of the proposed change.

In addition to the work performed by the custodians in the discharge of their respective duties, repairing and other work was done on burial-grounds in their charge, the cost of labor for such work being included in the Mount Hope pay-rolls, men from the Mount Hope force performing the work.

Work on the Granary, King's Chapel and Central burial-grounds in the City Proper; Walter street and Westerly burial-grounds in West Roxbury District, consisting principally in caring for the grounds; during the year seven interments were made, and fifteen tombs repaired.

The average number of men employed, not including custodians, is fifty-one.

Respectfully,

JAMES H. MORTON,
Superintendent.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Evergreen Cemetery is situated on Commonwealth-avenue extension, near Chestnut Hill Reservoir, Brighton.

The custodian is Charles P. Harding, at a salary of one thousand (1,000) dollars a year.

The land in this cemetery was bought in 1848 by the selectmen of Brighton from the heirs of William Aspinwall, for the sum of four thousand twenty-three and seventy-five one hundredths (4,023.75) dollars, and was laid out as a cemetery of the town of Brighton, and remained under the control of said town until it was annexed to Boston in 1873.

Since that time the cemetery has been managed by the city of Boston.

The cemetery grounds were formerly a part of the Aspinwall woods, and are very attractive in natural features.

The cemetery has never been properly nor thoroughly laid out, and requires grading, relaying of avenues and paths, the preparing of lots and single graves, and many other improvements.

There are at present about three hundred and forty-one (341) lot-owners and two hundred and fifty-nine (259) single graves.

The Commission purpose putting the cemetery in a better and more attractive condition, and has already adopted an advanced system for the care and maintenance of the grounds and the treatment of the same.

In summer three (3) men on an average have been employed about the grounds. In the winter and fall an average of two (2.)

The demand for single grave lots increases here, and a suitable number should at once be prepared. The present

system of preparing lots from time to time as needed, is extravagant and profitless, but necessitated by a lack of funds to cover such work; \$2,500 at least is required for the purpose. This would prepare a section providing five hundred (500) graves, which would yield a return of seven thousand (7,000) dollars.

As all land has to be prepared to a depth of six feet for burial purposes, a tract of considerable area can be treated much more economically than a small one.

The front of the cemetery, facing on Commonwealth avenue, has been filled in and brought up to grade, and for this purpose certain filling was purchased, and the rest taken from the rear portion of the grounds, making certain land available for lot purposes.

The front of the cemetery has never been put into proper condition since the acquirement by the city. It required the necessary grading, which has been done, and a suitable fence, for which \$1,500 was appropriated by the City Council, is to be erected. The fence has not yet been constructed, as it was thought advisable to finish the necessary grading first. The grading will be completed in the early spring when the fence will be added.

Much thought has been bestowed upon this cemetery, and all available money spent on the grounds. It will take considerable time and extra money, above the routine work, to get this cemetery into a suitable condition.

The present office and waiting-room at Evergreen Cemetery is about 12 by 12, and wholly unfit for the purposes. It is unplastered, uncomfortable in winter and insufficiently lighted, and has no toilet accommodations, whatever, for women. There is no provision for holding funeral services under cover, nor for a waiting-place for mourners.

A fence is needed between the cemetery and reservoir land.

The records of interments in Evergreen Cemetery were found to be incomplete and unsatisfactory, with much of the necessary information missing. As it is very important that the detail in reference to interments should be very accurate and easily obtainable, at any time, the department is preparing a record of the interments in the cemetery from the time of its establishment up to the present time, and will make this as complete as it is possible to do. This record will include a plan of each lot in the cemetery, showing the exact location of the interment in the lot.

There were seventy-one (71) interments in this cemetery during the past year.

MARKET-STREET BURIAL-GROUND.

The old cemetery on Market street, known as the Market-street Burial-ground, is under the control of the custodian of Evergreen Cemetery.

This cemetery was acquired in 1764, and contained originally about half an acre of land. When Market street, Brighton, was widened in 1872, a part of the cemetery grounds, known as the Old Market-street Cemetery, was seized, and about one hundred and fifty (150) bodies removed to Evergreen Cemetery and interred there.

COPP'S HILL BURIAL-GROUND.

Copp's Hill Burial-ground is under the charge of Edward MacDonald, who is custodian of the grounds by appointment of this department.

Mr. MacDonald receives a salary of \$75 per month for seven months in the year, and \$15 per month for five months in the year.

The grounds, during the summer months, are open to the public.

This cemetery is one of the oldest in the city, and is crowded with matters of historical interest.

The approximate number of visitors at this cemetery during the past year may be put at about fifteen (15,000) thousand. Not only people from various parts of the United States, but many from different parts of the world, are included in this number.

The grounds at present are in fairly good condition, with the exception of the asphalt paths, which need renewing.

The house on the grounds is in a very bad condition, and is much too small, considering the great number of people who visit this cemetery. It has been the cause of considerable criticism on the part of visitors, and something should be done about it.

The walls surrounding the cemetery are very old. One of them had to be rebuilt during the past year, and one should be rebuilt without any delay. The iron fence needs painting.

Copp's Hill is in a crowded portion of the city, and a great many children are constantly on the sidewalks adjoining the cemetery. For this reason the walls should be strengthened to avert any possible accident.

The expenditure of a sum sufficient for this purpose is entirely impossible, and a special appropriation should be provided for the purpose.

The custodian of this yard is in attendance during the summer months, and points out to visitors the matters of historical interest. He has written a most interesting book entitled "Old Copp's Hill and Burial Ground," now in its seventeenth edition, which is of great value to the visitor and lover of matters of historic interest.

There were two interments during the past year.

KING'S CHAPEL BURIAL-GROUND.

The King's Chapel Burial-ground, though small, presents a difficult problem for treatment.

The location and number of trees, which should not be cut down, debars sunlight to such an extent that grass will not thrive. As a result the ground is bare.

Countless hundreds of sparrows have chosen these grounds and the eaves of adjoining buildings as their homes, and this causes a serious trouble. It is impossible to keep the headstones and tombs clean. Men are sent, however, from time to time to remove the dirt. To keep the grounds free from this untidiness at all times would be possible, but not compatible with the finances of the department, and the more urgent calls for labor in other directions.

Three tombs were repaired during the past year.

GRANARY BURIAL-GROUND, AND BURIAL-GROUND, BOSTON COMMON.

The Granary Burial-ground has been carefully looked after, portions of the lawn resodded, the trees trimmed, and many headstones reset.

During the summer proper foliage plants are maintained in vases.

A studied attempt has been made to leave the grounds in their primitive condition, without any traces of neglect. The same general policy will be continued.

In the same way the burial-ground on the Common has been cared for.

Six tombs were repaired during the past year in the Granary and five in the Central Burial-ground.

There has been one interment in the Granary ground and five interments in the Central Burial-ground (Boston Common) during the past year.

DORCHESTER NORTH BURIAL-GROUND.

The Dorchester North Burial-ground is situated at the corner of Stoughton and Boston streets, Upham's corner, in the Dorchester District.

This burial-ground as well the Dorchester South Burial-ground, is in charge of John J. Burnes, custodian.

This burial-ground was laid out by the town of Dorchester under a vote passed in March, 1634. The original vote called for a burial-ground five rods square.

Subsequently, other parcels of land were added to the original ground, and at the present time it comprises in the vicinity of three acres.

Early in the present century, by the request of the town of Dorchester, Samuel Downer, Sr., a resident of Dorchester, and a gentleman of excellent taste, laid out the grounds, re-arranging the location of paths, and in many instances resetting and replacing the headstones. The general arrangement of the grounds as laid out by him has been retained.

The cemetery is identified with the early history of Dorchester, and the first interment was about the year 1638.

The grounds are in good condition, with the need of a reasonable outlay in the direction of repairs.

There were twenty-five interments in this ground during the past year.

DORCHESTER SOUTH BURIAL-GROUND.

The Dorchester South Burial-ground is situated on Dorchester avenue, south of Codman street, and comprises about two acres.

Lots and graves were given to people, residents of Dorchester, and for a small sum the recipients had them stoned off or had iron fences erected. No lots were sold.

There are fourteen tombs in the grounds.

The oldest stone bears date of 1771.

In the year 1894, by order of the Board of Health, all the paths were filled in and grassed over.

This yard is in a satisfactory condition, and has received proper care.

There were fifteen interments in this ground during the past year.

EUSTIS-STREET BURIAL-GROUND.

This cemetery is situated on Eustis street, corner of Washington, in the Roxbury District. The area of the cemetery in 1844 was thirty-four thousand two hundred (34,200) square feet. During that year, Eustis street was widened, and seven hundred (700) square feet were taken off the front portion of the cemetery.

In 1871, eighteen hundred and eighteen (1,818) square feet of the cemetery land was conveyed to a Mr. Davenport.

The engine-house and stable owned by the city of Boston were subsequently erected on cemetery land; also a small brick office used for private purposes. These three buildings occupy eighteen hundred (1,800) square feet.

At the present time the area of the burial-ground is twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and eighty-two (29,882) square feet.

This burial-ground is one of the oldest in New England; the first interment was in 1633.

The original ground was enlarged in 1725 by a gift of a quarter of an acre from Col. Joshua Lamb.

This burial-ground was greatly injured during the siege of Boston, and the first barrier erected to prevent the British troops from coming out of Boston crossed the highway at this point.

The ground remained in a neglected condition up to 1857, when the town of Roxbury graded the grounds, built walls, properly enclosing the yard with a substantial gateway; many of the old stones were raised and reset, and the broken monuments were repaired. Later, the present iron gates were erected, replacing the old wooden gates.

No interments in graves have been made in this burial-ground since 1854. Interments are still made in the tombs.

At the present time there are thirty-four (34) tombs and seven hundred and fifty-one (751) gravestones on the grounds.

This cemetery is open during the summer season at certain times to visitors with a custodian present to show the points of interest and to protect the grounds.

A communication was recently received from the Roxbury Military Historical Society, requesting the removal of the small brick office building, occupied by the Davenport Mill Office, and used for mercantile purposes. The office has been occupied by these parties for the last twenty-seven (27) years.

The Board notified the society that the matter was not within the province of this department, but should be brought to the attention of the Law Department.

The facts concerning this building should be investigated and settled.

BUNKER HILL CEMETERY.

This cemetery is in charge of A. M. Lydston, custodian, who also acts as custodian of the Phipps-street Cemetery in the Charlestown District.

Mr. Lydston received a monthly salary of \$50 for eight months.

Bunker Hill Cemetery contains forty-eight thousand (48,000) square feet of land, and was laid out in 1800.

The first interment was that of the remains of George Sanderson on October 11, 1801.

This cemetery contains five hundred and thirty-nine (539) headstones and six (6) monuments. There are no tombs.

There were six (6) interments in this cemetery during the past year.

PHIPPS-STREET CEMETERY.

This cemetery has an area of seventy-six thousand seven hundred and forty (76,740) square feet of land, and is divided into twenty-two (22) sections.

There are twenty-two hundred and forty-seven (2,247) stones with inscriptions. Sixty-three (63) tombs (private). One (1) city tomb, and thirty-four (34) underground vaults.

The cemetery is rich in historical associations.

The first interment was of the remains of John Harvard, founder of Harvard College, in 1638.

There were seventy-three (73) interments in this cemetery during the past year.

BENNINGTON-STREET CEMETERY.

Frank L. Turner is custodian of this cemetery.

The ground for this cemetery was set aside in 1833. In 1838 the City Council assumed control thereof, and from February 5, 1879, to date, there have been two thousand nine hundred and seventy (2,970) interments.

This cemetery contains ten private tombs.

There is urgent need of a new fence, sections of the present one being insecure and unsafe. A sum sufficient for a suitable iron fence should be provided by special appropriation.

The income from this cemetery for the past year amounted to \$507.

With the exception of Mount Hope Cemetery, more interments are made in this cemetery than in any other in the department.

There were one hundred and forty-four (144) interments during the past year.

SOUTH BURIAL-GROUND.

The South Burial-ground lies between Washington and James streets.

The establishment of this yard was in 1810. Since that date many tombs have been constructed and graves sold.

Document No. 148 of the year 1883, a report of the Special Committee of the Common Council in regard to this burial-ground, which report was prepared with great detail and care by William H. Whitmore, Esq., the present City Registrar, contains information with reference to this ground of an interesting and valuable nature.

BURIAL OF UNCLAIMED BODIES.

Provision was wisely made some years ago whereby on the payment of a nominal sum (\$5) bodies of persons, whose relatives or friends are in poor circumstances, can be interred in the city lot and escape a pauper burial.

Up to the present time thirty thousand bodies have been interred in this section of the cemetery, which is known as the city poor lot. The payment of this small amount

secures immunity from a pauper burial, and confers a right of burial in a specified place for a nominal sum.

Apart from the city poor and the provisions for them, which should be borne in mind, this department is obliged to bury the pauper dead, which really means to a large extent the unknown dead sent to this department for burial, about whose identity nothing is known, and bodies unclaimed by relatives or friends.

These bodies are sent to this department for interment through various channels, and to meet this demand a so-called Pauper Lot was established by the city of Boston, adjacent to Mount Hope Cemetery, and under the supervision of its superintendent. This lot, at the present time, contains the remains of some twenty thousand persons, of which about five hundred (500) were interred during the past year.

Following the precedent of the past years, although the same is hardly in accord with the ideas of this department, but simply for the reason that nothing else could be done, interments have been made in this lot until the same is substantially full, and within the present year no further interments can be made therein without a total destruction of the remains now interred, which course is not advisable, and should not be advocated. The needs of the present year will find this lot entirely full, and absolutely no room for other interments therein.

What provision shall be made?

Such bodies must be buried in a decent and proper manner, or some other method provided for the disposal of the remains. Mount Hope Cemetery is a cemetery essentially for the people of the city of Boston, and must in every way be so kept, providing alike for the interment of the rich and poor, and ample provision for both have been made. It is to the credit of the relatives of persons dying in unfortunate circumstances that they do not hesitate to purchase a right of burial in order that their friends may escape an interment in the Pauper Lot, and provisions have ever been made by the city of Boston to place the expense of this act of respect within the purchasing powers of all of our citizens.

Apart from a purchase of a right of burial as specified, a single grave can be purchased for the nominal sum of fifteen (15) dollars, and ample provision has been made in Mount Hope Cemetery for the deceased members of various charitable organizations and societies, and for members of the Grand Army.

It has always seemed unfair to our citizens who have purchased rights of interment, whether in the nature of lots or burial rights, to have adjacent to this cemetery, containing as it does many attractive and beautiful features, a Potter's Field; not that this class of people are in any respect less worthy of proper burial than others, but because many people tax their slender resources to find the wherewithal to purchase a burial right for their friends, and save them from a free burial by the municipality, and do not like to have a confusion arise, as at present does.

This department recognizes the rights of all conditions of people, and has uniformly endeavored to do all in its power to make available burial rights for the smallest possible sum; but it also feels that the two conditions of burial should be separate, and that one should not be confused with the other, as is possible at the present time. Poverty is a misfortune, not a fault, and the department strives to do its best to meet the needs of the poor.

The time has come when this department has the right to suggest that some distinct and separate provision should be made, because the portion of the ground set apart for pauper burials is full, and unless other provision is made by the City Council, this department will be obliged to refuse to take such bodies for interment, having no place in which to inter them.

This matter demands immediate attention, and it is a proper question for this department to bring squarely before the public, and, as a department, should recommend some solution of the problem.

We believe that the trend of public opinion is against the burial of large numbers of bodies within the city limits, and near the crowded sections of city life. No lack of evidence is adducible to show that such burials endanger the lives of the people, not only within the immediate vicinity of a cemetery, but even at a considerable distance therefrom, when stratas of soil and underground streams of running water carry noxious germs of disease and death.

If these bodies are to be buried, to meet the needs of the coming years, a large tract of land should be acquired for the purpose, which tract must, after its purchase, be put into condition for burial purposes; that is, excavated and refilled to a depth of six feet, so that grave digging is possible, and the land must be properly fenced, and provisions made for the custody of the same.

With interments of the unclaimed dead, amounting to some five hundred a year, and increasing yearly, if each

body is entitled to a single grave, which requires eighteen square feet of land, it will be readily seen that for the coming years a large tract of land should be provided.

If this method is to be continued, but one interment should be made in a grave, suitable markers should be provided by the city government locating the body, and then no criticism could possibly be passed as to the way or method adopted by this municipality for pauper burial. Such a cemetery should, however, be distinctly limited to that purpose, and removed from the residential sections of the city.

If the funds are forthcoming to do this, the department will gladly undertake the work along these lines.

The city of New York, which for some years had a so-called "Potter's Field" within the crowded section of the city, abandoned the method as being injurious to public health, and acquired an island about twenty miles from New York City (Hart's Island), on which thirty acres have been set aside by the city for pauper burials. This island also contains certain insane institutions, and a steamboat runs from the city of New York during the week, and carries the bodies to this island for interment. These bodies are collected in New York City at the expense of the municipality, encased in pine boxes, carried down to the place of interment, and at the island received and interred. Most of the labor attendant in carrying these bodies to the island and interring the same is performed by convict labor. Bodies are here buried in trenches one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet long and in tiers of three (3) deep.

This method, from a health standpoint, is advantageous, as the bodies are far removed from the crowded sections of city life.

In Baltimore and Washington the pauper dead, when unclaimed for burial, are given to the hospitals to dissect, and the remains of the bodies after dissection are consumed by the medical schools in their furnaces. In Philadelphia the unclaimed dead are cremated.

It seems fair to state that when one, unfortunate in this world's goods, dies, having friends or relatives, that the body is seldom allowed to go into the Potter's Field, but every effort is made to give the remains decent burial.

This department believes that cremation for all conditions of persons is a proper and fitting method, viewed from a sanitary standpoint, when so desired or elected. Again, there is a growing demand on the part of the people in moderate circumstances to avail themselves of cremation, because of belief in the system, and because of the saving

of expense, in the event that cremation can be procured at a reasonable sum. The problem of burial among people of moderate means is a very serious question, and in many instances calls for great sacrifices, even, in the procuring of a grave at the nominal price of fifteen dollars. The simple desire is to have the remains safe from dissection or from confusion, and it is known that among this class of people many would favor cremation as being the best way out of the burden, especially when it conforms to such people's ideas of the disposal of remains.

The department has given this matter due consideration, and carefully considered the desires of an element of our citizens who believe in cremation, and think the city should make provision therefor at a moderate cost.

On the other hand this department realizes that some of our citizens are opposed to any system of cremation, and suggest to us methods which are in vogue in other cities for the disposal of the remains of the unclaimed dead.

It has been suggested that an underground crypt could be constructed, with niches, in which such bodies could be placed, and therein kept for a specified number of years. Another suggestion is to inter the remains in a certain plot of ground, and after the ground is full, reinter in the same plot, making no attempt to preserve the identity of the remains previously interred.

Whatever provision shall be made for the pauper dead must necessarily remain with the city government, as an appropriation under a loan bill must be for a distinct and definite purpose, and the money appropriated can only be used by this department to that end.

An approximate cost of methods has been prepared in detail, and submitted to the Board of Apportionment.

This department, with these statements, feels that it has properly put the matter before the public, and asks a careful consideration thereof.

CHAPEL.

An order was passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on July 13, 1898, authorizing the Cemetery Trustees to expend the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of providing a chapel at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Architects were invited to compete, and of the plans submitted by the competitors those of Wood & White, architects, were chosen by the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department.

The following votes were passed by the Board regarding same:

At a meeting held January 19, 1899

Voted, That it is the opinion of this department that of the plans submitted, those by Wood & White, architects, for a proposed mortuary chapel, administration building and gateway at Mount Hope Cemetery, are the best, and that the same be forwarded to His Honor the Mayor, for his approval.

These plans in turn were submitted by His Honor the Mayor to Prof. F. W. Chandler, Consulting Architect of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department.

A communication was received under date of January 27, 1899, from His Honor Mayor Quincy, enclosing report of F. W. Chandler, Esq., on the plans for a chapel at Mount Hope Cemetery, and approving the selection of Wood & White, architects, and their plans, provided they demonstrate to Professor Chandler that the work could be done for \$25,000, and provided that they associate with them an architect of experience, the fee to be divided if the work is so divided.

On motion, said communication was received and placed on file.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the plans of Wood & White be accepted on the express understanding the work under them can be done for \$25,000, and that they associate with themselves an architect of experience, satisfactory to Professor Chandler.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the chairman be authorized to notify Wood & White, architects, when they shall have complied with the requirements of the acceptance of their plans to prepare and submit to this Board the necessary detail plans and specifications for the doing of said work.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the chairman be authorized, on the receipt of said detailed plans and specifications, to invite bids thereon in accordance with the requirements of the ordinances of the city of Boston.

The following is a brief description of the chapel, etc., of the plans as drawn by Wood & White, architects.

The gateway is located at the centre of a crescent-shaped driveway, with the administration building on one side and chapel on the other.

A low stone wall, surmounted by an iron paling, on either side of the gateway, connects the two buildings.

The whole scheme is of the early English Gothic style of architecture, to be built of local seam face ledge stone, with trimmings of limestone.

The chapel is to have a nave with seating capacity of 100, two entrances with vestibules, chancel, robing-room, vestry, toilet-room, and *porte cochere* at side entrance.

The administration building is to have a central entrance hall with public office on one side, and waiting-room on the other, superintendent's private office with accessory draughting-room, trustees' room and men and women's toilet-rooms; corridors connect the central entrance hall with side and rear entrances.

The gates at entrance to cemetery are to be of ornamental iron, and the posts are laid up of stone, surmounted by iron lanterns.

THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Although much has been achieved in the right direction during the existence of the Cemetery Department, there are still many things pertaining to the grounds under the control of this department which should receive the attention of the city government.

BARNS AND SHEDS.

The barn used by this department was constructed in 1852. Since that time it has had little done to it in the way of repairs. At the present time this structure and the adjoining sheds are worn out and not safe for occupancy. The underpinning has rolled away, and the entire structure is insecure. It is not fit for the purposes of the department, being an old-fashioned hay-barn, with meagre accommodations for horses and carriages. The larger portion of space is given over to mows, hay-bins for loose hay, etc., etc. The actual stable room is small and inconvenient. The sheds, under which we are obliged to store the wagons and teams, afford little protection against the weather.

The city is dedicated by its holdings of cemeteries to carry on this business, and the task is not one that can be avoided. It should be to the credit of the city of Boston that it maintains the burial grounds of its people as well and as efficiently as do other cities.

The older cemeteries need much in the way of repairs of walls and the construction of new fences, and a reasonable amount of money could be consistently expended upon the grounds that are situated within the business section of the

city. These yards are constantly in the eye of the public, and many hundreds of strangers visit them during the year.

While this department is able, under its regular appropriation, with strict economy, to keep the grounds in condition, yet in the way of permanent improvement there is not sufficient money available to make any headway. Many of the private tombs need repair, and it is earnestly hoped that such of the public as are interested therein as proprietors will co-operate with this department in doing this work. While the city has charge of these tombs, it has no title interest therein, and the city funds should not be diverted for the purpose of repairing private tomb rights. In many instances, when the owners of tombs cannot be found to preserve the contents thereof, repairs have been made by this department and the tomb closed, pending such time as the owners thereof shall pay for the repairs and be entitled to have the tomb reopened. Unless this was done the remains would be exposed.

It is believed that Mount Hope Cemetery, under proper treatment, will eventually become self-supporting, and that when all of the land in the cemetery has been sold for burial purposes, that the interest on the Perpetual Care Fund will be sufficient to meet the expenses of maintaining the cemetery.

It will be noticed that the revenue from this particular cemetery is large, and that constant additions are being made to the Perpetual Care Fund, which should in the end be sufficient to meet the requirements of running the cemetery.

The city of Boston, for the reason that funds have been received for Perpetual Care in certain cemeteries within its limits, cannot shirk the responsibilities of maintaining the same and doing all that the Perpetual Care bonds demand, nor should this duty be performed in a niggardly and unsatisfactory manner, but as well as private cemeteries perform like work.

During the past year the department has realized and appreciated the interest taken in its work by His Honor the Mayor, and is grateful for his earnest co-operation in solving the problem of meeting many of the department needs, and further for his consistent effort in recommending the funds which were necessary to carry along the department work and many of the improvements recommended during the past year.

The department desires most earnestly that the city government would carefully scrutinize its work and become

conversant with its many needs, and appreciate the manifold questions which constantly arise, imposing the task of petitioning for necessary funds to carry along the work.

It should be remembered that very little has been done in the older cemeteries, apart from routine work, during a great number of years, that fences wear out, masonry grows insecure and time destroys much that is prominent and beautiful. We appreciate that it is the desire of our citizens to show every respect to the remains of our dead, and when specific needs are understood that the city government will not withhold the means to meet them.

Possibly the amount asked for in the Annual Budget seems disproportionate to the general appropriation given to run this department, but large sums are needed for repairs, and still larger sums are required for the betterment of the cemeteries in use, all of which, it is believed, will be returned to the city in its sale of lots and in the increase of its Perpetual Care Fund.

During the past year the individual members of this Commission have given their careful attention to the needs and requirements of the department work, have passed upon many questions in which the public have evinced a decided and heartfelt interest, and have at all times, it is hoped, performed their labors with zeal and discrimination. The Commission appreciates its position in caring for the dead in the interests of the living, and realizes that it has many questions confronting it to determine and many recommendations which should be carefully and consistently presented.

Trusting that its efforts along these lines are understood, it respectfully submits this, its report of the past fiscal year.

J. ALBERT BRACKETT, *Chairman.*

JACOB MORSE,

WILLIAM J. FALLON,

ALBERT W. HERSEY,

FREDERICK E. ATTEAUX.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

February 1, 1898. Appropriation . . .	\$45,000 00
Interest on Perpetual Care Fund . . .	2,610 00
	<hr/>
	\$47,610 00
	<hr/>

MONEY EARNED FOR THE CITY FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1898, TO
FEBRUARY 1, 1899.

Mount Hope Cemetery.

Lots sold	\$2,972 00	
Graves sold	3,985 00	
Digging graves	6,359 00	
Care of lots	1,210 50	
Plants and shrubs	763 35	
Foundations	1,190 98	
Receiving tomb	688 00	
Sundries	683 79	
	<hr/>	\$17,852 62
Interest on Perpetual Care Fund		2,353 50
		<hr/>
		\$20,206 12

Mount Hope Cemetery Trust Fund.

Receipts for the Perpetual Care of lots and graves	6,083 00
---	----------

Evergreen Cemetery.

Receipts for the year	1,916 30
Interest on Perpetual Care Fund	230 50

Evergreen Cemetery Trust Fund.

Receipts for the Perpetual Care of lots	384 00
---	--------

Dorchester North Burial-ground.

Receipts for the year	10 00
Interest on Perpetual Care Fund	26 00

<i>Carried forward,</i>	<hr/>	\$28,855 92
-------------------------	-------	-------------

Brought forward,

\$28,855 92

Dorchester North Trust Fund.

Receipts for the Perpetual Care of lots	.	.	318 00
Dorchester South Burial-ground	.	.	20 00
Bennington-street Cemetery	.	.	507 00
Central Burial-ground (Common)	.	.	25 00
Granary Burial-ground	.	.	5 00
King's Chapel Burial-ground	.	.	4 00
Westerly Burial-ground	.	.	5 00
Market-street Burial-ground	.	.	5 00
Total	.	.	<u>\$29,744 92</u>

PAY-ROLLS.

1898:

Week ending Feb.	3, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	\$458 13	
" "	3, Evergreen Cemetery	.	15 00	
Jan. 1-31	Custodians	.	90 00	
Week ending Feb	10, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	522 50	
" "	10, Evergreen Cemetery	.	15 00	
" "	17, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	531 25	
" "	17, Evergreen Cemetery	.	16 00	
" "	24, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	516 63	
" "	24, Evergreen Cemetery	.	17 00	
Feb. 1-28	Custodians	.	90 00	\$2,271 51
Week ending Mar.	3, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	\$523 75	
" "	3, Evergreen Cemetery	.	16 00	
" "	10, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	527 88	
" "	10, Evergreen Cemetery	.	13 00	
" "	17, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	532 50	
" "	17, Evergreen Cemetery	.	19 00	
" "	24, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	582 00	
" "	24, Evergreen Cemetery	.	14 00	
Mar. 1-31	Custodians	.	90 00	2,318 13
Week ending Mar.	31, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	\$677 00	
" "	31, Evergreen Cemetery	.	22 00	
" "	Apr. 7, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	695 25	
" "	7, Evergreen Cemetery	.	18 00	
" "	14, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	782 25	
" "	14, Evergreen Cemetery	.	21 00	
" "	21, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	700 75	
" "	21, Evergreen Cemetery	.	25 00	
" "	28, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	726 50	
" "	28, Evergreen Cemetery	.	30 00	
Apr. 1-30	Custodians	.	140 00	3,837 75
Week ending May	5, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	\$723 13	
" "	5, Evergreen Cemetery	.	31 00	
" "	12, Mt. Hope Cemetery	.	802 00	
" "	12, Evergreen Cemetery	.	36 00	

Carried forward,

\$1,592 13 \$8,427 39

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

25

<i>Brought forward,</i>			\$1,592 13	\$8,427 39
Week ending May	19,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	801 00	
" "	"	19, Evergreen Cemetery .	36 00	
" "	"	26, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	792 38	
" "	"	26, Evergreen Cemetery .	36 00	
May 1-31 .	.	Custodians .	200 00	
			<hr/>	3,457 51
Week ending June	2,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	\$822 75	
" "	"	2, Evergreen Cemetery .	41 00	
" "	"	9, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	734 63	
" "	"	9, Evergreen Cemetery .	32 00	
" "	"	16, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	743 75	
" "	"	16, Evergreen Cemetery .	24 00	
" "	"	23, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	738 25	
" "	"	23, Evergreen Cemetery .	28 00	
June 1-30 .	.	Custodians .	216 00	
			<hr/>	3,380 38
Week ending June	30,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	\$750 75	
" "	"	30, Evergreen Cemetery .	26 00	
" "	July 7,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	745 75	
" "	"	7, Evergreen Cemetery .	28 00	
" "	"	14, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	704 75	
" "	"	14, Evergreen Cemetery .	23 00	
" "	"	21, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	767 50	
" "	"	21, Evergreen Cemetery .	28 00	
" "	"	28, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	737 50	
" "	"	28, Evergreen Cemetery .	26 00	
July 1-31 .	.	Custodians .	215 00	
			<hr/>	4,052 25
Week ending Aug.	4,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	\$723 00	
" "	"	4, Evergreen Cemetery .	26 00	
" "	"	11, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	636 50	
" "	"	11, Evergreen Cemetery .	26 00	
" "	"	18, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	662 00	
" "	"	18, Evergreen Cemetery .	27 00	
" "	"	25, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	693 25	
" "	"	25, Evergreen Cemetery .	25 00	
Aug. 1-31 .	.	Custodians .	212 00	
			<hr/>	3,030 75
Week ending Sept.	1,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	\$666 50	
" "	"	1, Evergreen Cemetery .	28 00	
" "	"	8, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	687 75	
" "	"	8, Evergreen Cemetery .	25 00	
" "	"	15, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	680 13	
" "	"	15, Evergreen Cemetery .	25 00	
" "	"	22, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	661 50	
" "	"	22, Evergreen Cemetery .	27 00	
" "	"	29, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	638 25	
" "	"	29, Evergreen Cemetery .	24 00	
Sept. 1-30 .	.	Custodians .	212 00	
			<hr/>	3,675 13
Week ending Oct.	6,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	\$613 25	
" "	"	6, Evergreen Cemetery .	25 00	
" "	"	13, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	645 88	
" "	"	13, Evergreen Cemetery .	24 00	
" "	"	13, Cemetery Department .	66 75	
" "	"	20, Mt. Hope Cemetery .	504 50	
" "	"	20, Evergreen Cemetery .	23 00	
			<hr/>	
<i>Brought forward,</i>			\$1,902 38	\$26,023 41

<i>Carried forward,</i>			\$1,902 38	\$26,023 41
Week ending Oct.	20,	Cemetery Department	72 25	
" " "	27,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	515 63	
" " "	27,	Evergreen Cemetery	22 00	
" " "	27,	Cemetery Department	72 25	
Oct. 1-31 . . .		Custodians . . .	215 00	
			<hr/>	2,799 51
Week ending Nov.	3,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	\$408 88	
" " "	3,	Evergreen Cemetery	25 00	
" " "	3,	Cemetery Department	72 25	
" " "	10,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	382 75	
" " "	10,	Evergreen Cemetery	26 00	
" " "	10,	Cemetery Department	72 25	
" " "	17,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	358 33	
" " "	17,	Evergreen Cemetery	22 00	
" " "	17,	Cemetery Department	72 25	
" " "	24,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	317 88	
" " "	24,	Evergreen Cemetery	21 00	
" " "	24,	Cemetery Department	80 09	
Nov. 1-30 . . .		Custodians . . .	200 00	
			<hr/>	2,058 68
Week ending Dec.	1,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	\$335 25	
" " "	1,	Evergreen Cemetery	28 00	
" " "	1,	Cemetery Department	80 09	
" " "	8,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	342 00	
" " "	8,	Evergreen Cemetery	24 00	
" " "	8,	Cemetery Department	80 09	
" " "	15,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	203 75	
" " "	15,	Evergreen Cemetery	26 00	
" " "	15,	Cemetery Department	80 09	
" " "	22,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	180 38	
" " "	22,	Evergreen Cemetery	18 00	
" " "	22,	Cemetery Department	80 09	
" " "	29,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	180 75	
" " "	29,	Evergreen Cemetery	19 00	
" " "	29,	Cemetery Department	80 09	
Dec. 1-31 . . .		Custodians . . .	90 00	
			<hr/>	1,847 58
1899.				
Week ending Jan.	5,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	\$180 63	
" " "	5,	Evergreen Cemetery	12 00	
" " "	5,	Cemetery Department	80 09	
" " "	12,	Evergreen Cemetery	22 00	
" " "	12,	Cemetery Department	80 09	
" " "	19,	Evergreen Cemetery	19 00	
" " "	19,	Cemetery Department	80 09	
" " "	26,	Mt. Hope Cemetery .	86 59	
" " "	26,	Evergreen Cemetery	20 00	
" " "	26,	Cemetery Department	77 34	
			<hr/>	657 83
Total				<u>\$33,387 01</u>

The Mt. Hope Cemetery pay-rolls include labor at other cemeteries, and pay-roll of the Cemetery Department up to October, 1898. For special accounts see pages 36-39, inclusive, of this report.

BILLS.

February, 1898.

John J. Burnes, care of South grounds for season and labor for December, custodian and men	\$516 00	
C. A. Prouty, new horse and board of horse	307 94	
James H. Morton, salary and sundries . .	216 03	
George M. Winslow & Co., coal	154 81	
Water Works, Income Division, use of water at various cemeteries	150 50	
Thomas Mayo, plumbing work in laying pipe	121 38	
Curtis & Pope Lumber Co., lumber . . .	108 45	
Charles P. Harding, salary	83 33	
Dudley Feed Mills Co., oats and straw .	76 63	
N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., office and cemetery telephone	65 13	
Boston Municipal Printing Office, sta- tionery	50 71	
J. A. Nichols, services at West Rox- bury Cemetery	37 50	
John W. Fleming, repairing harness . .	30 80	
A. T. Stearns Lumber Co., lumber and shingles	29 69	
Wayside Farm, plants	27 00	
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery	19 05	
Joseph Breck & Sons, Corporation, bulbs	19 00	
William H. Spooner, flowers	15 00	
William Akin, furniture, etc., for Ever- green Cemetery	8 80	
Waldo Bros., cement	8 50	
James Travers, horseshoeing	8 50	
Hill & Hill, surcingles, bit and stable blankets	8 45	
H. G. Jordan & Co., coal	8 37	
McBarron & Co., iron, bolts, etc. . . .	7 67	
Charles White, repairing drills, bars, etc.	6 28	
A. McMurty, manure	6 00	
Thomas Grey & Co., seeds, etc.	5 75	
F. H. Baxter & Co., tape, hammer, etc.,	5 00	
H. C. Dimond & Co., stamps and pad,	3 70	
Edward Macdonald, plank	99	
<i>Carried forward,</i>		\$2,106 96

Brought forward,

\$2,106 96

March, 1898.

Hill & Hill, harness and stable supplies,	\$350 74
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries .	308 32
James H. Morton, salary and sundries .	218 58
Charles P. Harding, salary . . .	83 33
Thomas Mayo, plumbing work and hard- ware	74 75
Dudley Feed Mills Co., oats and shorts,	20 50
Curtis & Pope Lumber Co., lumber .	16 35
Patrick Corliss, manure	10 50
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery . .	9 04
Water Department, water rates . .	8 00
James Travers, horseshoeing . . .	8 00
Gorman & Lynch, horseshoeing . .	2 50
Adelbert F. Arris, car fares . . .	52

 1,111 13
April, 1898.

Ferd. F. French & Co., new Concord wagon \$185 00	
Repairing 2-seated wagon	45 50
	<hr/>
	\$230 50
James H. Morton, salary and sundries,	214 44
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries .	154 16
George M. Winslow & Co., coal . . .	150 60
Municipal Printing Office, books and stationery for office and Evergreen Cemetery	146 34
Benj. F. Anthony & Son, iron sign- posts	130 00
Charles P. Harding, salary	83 33
A. M. Sheridan, clerical work, type- writing letters, annual report, etc. .	74 00
A. T. Stearns Lumber Co., lumber . .	58 93
Waldo Bros., Akron pipe	57 60
Dudley Feed Mills Co., oats, straw, etc.	39 78
A. H. Hewes & Co., flower-pots . .	32 50
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., tele- phone, chairman's office	31 50
John Mulrey, manure	30 00
Thomas Mayo, shovels, brushes, etc. .	14 20
McBarron & Co., iron, nails, etc. . .	13 72
Patrick Smith, horseshoeing . . .	13 00
Thomas J. Grey & Co., seeds	11 50
M. S. Morton, kerosene oil, meal, etc. .	3 73
Hill & Hill, feed-bags	2 70
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery . .	2 68

 1,495 21
Carried forward,

 \$4,713 30

Brought forward,

\$4,713 30

May, 1898.

James H. Morton, salary and sundries .	\$217 42
Ferd. F. French & Co., undertaker's wagon	210 00
James Travers, double cart	180 00
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries	154 16
Benj. F. Anthony & Son, iron sign posts	130 00
Charles P. Harding, salary	83 34
Thomas J. Grey & Co., seed, mats and rakes	56 35
Boston Municipal Printing Office, book, stamps, etc.	38 92
Waldo Brothers, pipe and cement	31 11
T. F. Manning, manure	24 50
Dudley Feed Mills Co., shorts and oats	22 70
McKinney Brothers, board of horse	18 00
Curtis & Pope Lumber Co., lumber	17 31
Ames Plow Co., tools and rope	11 75
Thomas W. Emerson Co., grass seed	10 45
George H. Wentworth, manure	10 00
H. G. Jordan & Co., coal	9 00
Joseph Breck & Sons, Corporation, screws	8 34
A. B. Robbins, repairing gate at Phipps-street Cemetery	7 45
A. M. Wood Co., rims and spokes	6 92
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery	5 62
A. J. Littlefield, carting machinery from Providence Railroad to Mt. Hope Cemetery	5 00
C. H. Alden, books and pencils	4 00
McBarron & Co., iron	3 05
G. Fuller & Son, cement	2 50
Hill & Hill, oil	50

1,268 39
June, 1898.

J. H. Cronin, grave-markers and lettering	\$358 48
James H. Morton, salary and sundries	219 72
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries	154 16
Edward N. Capen, manure	147 00
Dudley Feed Mills Co., oats, hay, etc.	106 31
A. H. Hews & Co., flower-pots	89 50
Charles P. Harding, salary	83 33

Carried forward,

\$1,158 50

\$5,981 69

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,158 50	\$5,981 69
Brown Brothers Co., shrubs	51 00	
Joseph Goodnow & Co., lumber (Copp's Hill Cemetery)	26 61	
Curtis & Pope Lumber Co., lumber (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	19 63	
James H. Clinton, manure	17 50	
James Travers, horseshoeing	17 00	
Thomas Mayo, baskets, nails, paint, etc.	14 22	
Waldo Brothers, cement	13 20	
J. A. Nichols, care of Westerly Cemetery	13 00	
Hill & Hill, hearse cover, mats, etc. .	12 67	
McKinney Brothers, board of horse . .	12 00	
Edward Hatch, holly	11 25	
McBarron & Co., iron, bolts and drills .	10 30	
Hitchings & Co., grating	9 60	
A. M. Wood Co., iron and carriage hardware	9 55	
Thomas W. Emerson Co., grass seed . .	8 90	
Printing Department, stationery . . .	6 52	
Charles White, horseshoeing	5 05	
John A. McPherson, repairing lawn-mowers	4 00	
Patrick Corliss, manure	3 50	
Brown & Gilbert, pump ladles, glass, etc. . . .	3 10	
F. H. Baxter & Co., seed, paint, etc. . .	2 25	
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery	1 60	
Joseph Breck & Sons, Corporation, rakes, scythe stones	1 20	
	<hr/>	1,432 15

July, 1898.

John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries, and extra work at Dorchester North and South Cemeteries	\$228 51	
James H. Morton, salary and sundries .	226 74	
Thomas Mayo, plumbing at ladies' waiting-room, Mt. Hope Cemetery, and hardware	173 56	
Charles P. Harding, salary and board of horse	106 76	
Dudley Feed Mills Co., oats, straw, etc.	104 97	
John Mulrey, watering cart	100 00	
Charles L. Bartlett, manure	98 00	
John H. Pray, Sons & Co., carpet . . .	58 89	
Newton Cemetery Corporation, plants .	54 78	
Printing Department, stationery	42 92	

<i>Carried forward,</i>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$1,195 13	\$7,413 84

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,195 13	\$7,413 84
A. B. Robbins, repairing fences at Copp's Hill and Bunker Hill Ceme- teries	31 90	
Curtis & Pope Lumber Co., lumber, posts, and pickets	23 63	
George N. Edling, painting	19 25	
A. M. Lydston, extra labor, carting rubbish from Bunker Hill and Phipps- street grounds	13 50	
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery	12 82	
Waldo Bros., bricks	11 00	
G. Fuller & Son, cement	4 05	
Joseph Breck & Sons, Corporation, scythe, hoe, etc.	2 75	
Thomas J. Grey & Co., pails, spade, etc.	1 80	
Thomas W. Emerson Co., seed	1 75	
Joseph Goodnow & Co., lumber	99	
J. R. Fairbanks & Co., stationery	95	
	<hr/>	1,319 52

August, 1898.

James H. Morton, salary and sundries,	\$218 64
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries	154 16
Dudley Feed Mills Co., hay, oats, etc.	133 50
Charles P. Harding, salary and board of horse	100 48
Joseph Goodnow & Co., lumber	89 62
Henry A. Smith, labor at Phipps-street Cemetery	29 75
George A. Foster, painting fence at Bunker Hill Cemetery	25 00
John W. Fleming, repairing harness	22 30
Patrick Smith, horseshoeing	14 00
Joseph Breck & Sons, Corporation, pinions, screws, etc.	11 31
McBarron & Co., iron, bolts, etc.	10 39
Hill & Hill, repairing harness	9 62
James Travers, horseshoeing	8 50
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., stationery	4 50
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery	3 41
Curtis & Pope Lumber Co., lumber	3 23
Ames Plow Co., grass hooks	54
Thomas J. Grey & Co., machine oil	50
	<hr/>

839 45

September, 1898.

James H. Morton, salary and sundries	\$215 33
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries	154 16

Carried forward,

\$369 49	\$9,572 81
----------	------------

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$369 49	\$9,572 81
Dudley Feed Mills Co., hay, oats and shorts	103 84	
Charles P. Harding, salary and board of horse	101 06	
Ferd. F. French & Co., repairing buggy,	30 25	
Thomas Mayo, tools and paint	24 03	
Waldo Bros., cement	11 00	
Ames Plow Co., shovels	10 83	
Joseph Goodnow & Co., lumber	9 11	
Joseph Breck & Sons, Corporation, lawn-mower	5 70	
Charles White, horseshoeing	5 00	
F. H. Baxter & Co., grass hook, paint . etc.	2 39	
	<hr/>	672 70

October, 1898.

James H. Morton, salary and sundries,	\$215 63	
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries . .	154 16	
Street Department, Paving Division, crushed stone	125 27	
Charles P. Harding, salary and board of horse	101 06	
Dudley Feed Mills Co., oats, hay, etc.	61 96	
Agnes M. Sheridan, stenographic work,	35 00	
Printing Department, stationery . . .	30 36	
James Travers, horseshoeing	21 00	
George H. Wentworth, bricks and sand,	18 75	
Thomas Mayo, gutter, screws, oil, etc.	15 14	
Waldo Bros., cement	14 10	
Jamaica Plain Express Co., manure . .	13 50	
Ferd. F. French & Co., repairing buggy,	8 75	
Joseph Breck & Sons, Corporation, lawn mower, scythe stones, etc. . .	8 60	
Thomas J. Grey & Co., seeds	6 13	
Sampson, Murdock & Co., Boston Directory	5 00	
A. T. Stearns Lumber Co., lumber . . .	4 95	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., stationery . . .	3 30	
E. C. March, car fare to and from Charlestown cemeteries	3 10	
Thomas & Pike, coal	2 78	
Baxter & Co., cover and cotton	2 06	
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery	1 65	
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, record ink	86	
William Curtis' Sons Co., lumber . . .	56	
Albert F. Orrall, filing saw	50	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., tolls	30	
	<hr/>	854 47

Carried forward,

\$11,099 98

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

33

Brought forward,
November, 1898.

\$11,099 98

F. T. Whitmore, copies of epitaphs in Boston graveyards	\$750 00
James H. Morton, salary and sundries,	217 01
Thomas & Pike, coal	216 65
Curtis & Pope Lumber Co., lumber	159 37
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries	154 16
Charles P. Harding, salary and board of horse	100 47
Dudley Feed Mills Co., hay, oats, etc.	79 26
Brown & Gilbert, roofing and repairing office at Copp's Hill Cemetery	38 15
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., office telephone	31 50
John W. Fleming, harness repairs	25 85
A. H. Hews & Co., flower-pots	25 00
Printing Department, stationery	19 07
Thomas J. Grey & Co., seeds and rakes,	14 13
Patrick Smith, horseshoeing	13 00
Thomas Mayo, scythes, powder, fuse, etc.	11 84
Charles White, repairing wagon	10 50
James Travers, horseshoeing	8 50
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., stationery	6 05
G. Fuller & Son, cement	3 75
E. C. March, car fare	1 88
William A. Haskell, brooms	1 00
Ames Plow Co., hand drill	55

 1,887 69

December, 1898.

James H. Morton, salary and sundries,	\$220 27
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries and three P. C. Lots	168 16
Charles P. Harding, salary and board of horse	101 06
John H. Cronin, perpetual care markers and lettering	93 35
Boston Cab Co., carriages, inspecting cemeteries	18 00
C. H. Alden, copying books, history and pencils	6 40
A. M. Wood Co., spokes, rims and lumber	6 11
Thomas W. Emerson Co., grass seed	3 50
E. A. Brown & Co., powder	3 00
A. W. Davis, clipping horse	3 00

 622 85

Carried forward,

 \$13,610 52

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$13,610 52
<i>January, 1899.</i>		
James H. Morton, salary and sundries .	\$217 97	
John J. Burnes, care of cemeteries .	154 24	
Charles P. Harding, salary and board of horses	110 20	
Dudley Feed Mills Co., oats and shorts,	38 50	
Agnes M. Sheridan, services as stenographer	25 00	
Water Department, street watering at Mt. Hope Cemetery	22 80	
Water Department, Income Division, use of water in King's Chapel Ground .	15 00	
James Travers, horseshoeing	8 50	
Jamaica Plain Express Co., manure . .	6 00	
McLaughlin, making over sleigh cushion,	5 00	
Metropolitan Coal Co., coal	2 75	
F. H. Baxter & Co., brush, scythe, etc.	2 25	
Adelbert F. Arris, car-fares	1 96	
Samuel Ward Co., note paper	1 30	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., stationery . . .	1 00	
	<hr/>	612 47
Total		<u>\$14,222 99</u>
Total bills and salaries		\$14,222 99
Total rolls		<u>33,387 01</u>
Total bills, salaries and rolls		<u>\$47,610 00</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR CHAPEL AT MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY
(\$25,000).

Pay-roll.

1898.

Week ending August 11	\$49 50	
" " " 18	97 00	
" " " 25	37 00	
	<hr/>	\$183 50
" " September 1	\$94 00	
" " " 8	96 00	
" " " 15	96 00	
" " " 22	91 00	
" " " 29	80 00	
	<hr/>	457 00
" " October 6	\$80 00	
" " " 20	80 00	
" " " 27	51 00	
	<hr/>	211 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>		<u>\$851 50</u>

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

35

<i>Brought forward,</i>					\$851,50
Week ending November 3	.	.	.	\$36 00	
" " " 10	.	.	.	50 00	
" " " 17	.	.	.	81 00	
" " " 24	.	.	.	48 00	
					215 00
" " December 1	.	.	.	\$14 00	
" " " 8	.	.	.	36 00	
" " " 15	.	.	.	48 00	
" " " 22	.	.	.	76 00	
" " " 29	.	.	.	73 00	
					247 00
" " January 5, 1899	.	.	.	\$60 00	
" " " 12, "	.	.	.	200 00	
" " " 19, "	.	.	.	200 00	
" " " 26, "	.	.	.	174 29	
					634 29
Total expenditures					<u>\$1,947 79</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY (\$2,500).

Pay-roll.

1898.

Week ending November 24	.	.	.	\$150 00	
					\$150 00
" " December 1	.	.	.	\$160 00	
" " " 8	.	.	.	200 00	
" " " 15	.	.	.	333 00	
" " " 22	.	.	.	165 00	
" " " 29	.	.	.	175 00	
					1,033 00
" " January 5, 1899	.	.	.	\$187 00	
" " " 12, "	.	.	.	226 25	
" " " 19, "	.	.	.	233 75	
" " " 26, "	.	.	.	175 00	
					822 00
Total expenditures					<u>\$2,005 00</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR COPP'S HILL BURIAL-GROUND.
RECONSTRUCTION OF WALL (\$1,000).*Bills.*

H. T. Hussey, reconstructing wall	.	.	.	\$665 83
James J. Brock, " "	.	.	.	325 00
James J. Brock, extra repairs on wall	.	.	.	8 00
Pay-roll, week ending November 17, 1898	.	.	.	1 17
Total expenditures				<u>\$1,000 00</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR FENCE AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY
(\$1,500).

REGULAR APPROPRIATION.

Receipts	\$47,610 00
Expenditures	<u>47,610 00</u>

Special Appropriation for Chapel at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Receipts	\$25,000 00
Expenditures	<u>1,947 79</u>

Balance on hand January 31, 1899 . . .	<u>\$23,052 21</u>
--	--------------------

Special Appropriation for Mount Hope Cemetery.

Receipts	\$2,500 00
Expenditures	<u>2,005 00</u>

Balance on hand January 31, 1899 . . .	<u>\$495 00</u>
--	-----------------

Special Appropriation for Copp's Hill Burial-ground.

Receipts	\$1,000 00
Expenditures	<u>1,000 00</u>

Special Appropriation for Fence at Evergreen Cemetery.

Balance on hand January 31, 1899 . . .	<u>\$1,500 00</u>
--	-------------------

EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR OF 1898-99.

REGULAR APPROPRIATION.

Cemetery Department.

Salary of Superintendent . . .	\$2,500 00	
Clerk-hire and messengers . . .	3,234 90	
Copies of epitaphs in Boston grave-		
yards	750 00	
Stationery	135 80	
Printing	107 81	
Telephone service	94 50	
Stenographic work	60 00	
Travelling expenses of Trustees . . .	18 00	
Car-fares	2 48	
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u> </u>	\$6,903 49

Brought forward,

\$6,903 49

Mount Hope Cemetery.

Labor \$25,474 38

Stable :

1 horse \$225 00

Feed 839 39

2 wagons 395 00

1 cart 180 00

1 watering-cart 100 00

Repairs 114 83

Harness and repairs 463 13

Shoeing 157 50

2,474 85

Repairs (including brick, cement, etc.) . 813 62

Fuel 537 40

Markers 394 73

Manure and fertilizer 350 50

Tools, hardware, etc. 315 44

Seeds, plants and sods 278 79

Sign-posts 240 50

Flower-pots 147 00

Water-rates 121 30

Furniture 61 09

Printing 58 01

Stationery 48 56

Car-fares 34 05

Telephone service 33 93

Cartage and team-hire 13 34

31,397 49*Evergreen Cemetery.*

Labor \$2,436 00

Horses (board, shoeing, etc.) . . . 191 25

Printing 68 31

Markers 57 10

Repairs 29 20

Tools, etc. 28 28

Sign-posts 19 50

Manure 16 00

Stationery 10 73

Fuel 5 41

Furniture 4 80

Seeds, etc. 1 35

2,867 93*Dorchester North Burial-ground.*

Labor, etc. \$1,119 00

Repairs, etc. 87 29

Water-rates 10 00

1,216 29*Carried forward,*

\$42,385 20

Brought forward, \$42,385 20

Dorchester South Burial-ground.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$811 00	
Repairs	.	.	.	.	.	13 34	
Water-rates	.	.	.	.	.	10 00	
<hr/>							834 34

Bennington-street Cemetery.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,154 28	
Water-rates	.	.	.	.	.	10 00	
Tools	.	.	.	.	.	54	
<hr/>							1,164 82

Copp's Hill Burial-ground.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$699 00	
Repairs	.	.	.	.	.	88 24	
Water-rates	.	.	.	.	.	10 00	
Grass seed	.	.	.	.	.	7 00	
Tools	.	.	.	.	.	4 35	
Fuel	.	.	.	.	.	2 15	
<hr/>							810 74

Phipps-street and Bunker Hill Burial-grounds.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$540 38	
Repairs, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	175 05	
<hr/>							715 43

Granary Burial-ground.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$376 16	
Tools	.	.	.	.	.	14 98	
Water-rates	.	.	.	.	.	10 00	
Grass seed	.	.	.	.	.	1 90	
<hr/>							403 04

Central Burial-ground (Common).

Labor		382 41
-------	---	---	---	---	---	--	--------

King's Chapel Burial-ground.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$247 16	
Water-rates	.	.	.	.	.	15 00	
Grass seed	.	.	.	.	.	3 80	
<hr/>							265 96

Hawes Burial-ground.

Labor		200 04
-------	---	---	---	---	---	--	--------

Carried forward,

\$47,161 98

39

\$47,161 98

Labor	\$169	96
Repairs		56
						<u> </u>	170 52

170 52

Labor	\$150 00	
Water-rates	10 00	
						<u> </u>	160 00

160 00

[illegible]

105 50

Labor	12 00
-------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-------

12 00

\$47,610 00

Copp's Hill Burial-ground (Reconstruction of Wall).

Masonry	.	.	.	.	.	\$998 83	
Labor	.	.	.	.	.	1 17	
						<u> </u>	\$1,000 00

\$1,000 00

Labor	\$1,947 79
-------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	------------

\$1,947 79

Labor	\$2,005 00
-------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	------------

82,005 00



